



17th May 2008

The Chairman
Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Attention : Linda Omar

Dear Madam,

We are residents from the area affected by the gross odour coming from the Canning Vale Regional Recourse Recovery Centre Composting Facility.

We have endured this odour for the past 8 years both inside and outside our home and it has been sickening at times not only to us but also to our visitors day and night. In the summer when we have had visitors over to enjoy a relaxing evening and a barbecue the stench has embarrassed us and ruined the evening. When we go to bed and open the windows likewise, it is revolting. Regularly on my early morning walks with the dog I need a tissue over my nose because the smell is so bad. There are times where no matter what I do I can't get away from this odour.

As a migraine sufferer this certainly doesn't help and I very often I feel nauseous.

There have been millions of rate payer's dollars spent on supposed improvements at this centre but the only time it wasn't as bad was when it was closed to implement the improvements.

I was recently involved in a petition asking for the closure of this centre. Of the 115 signatures we collected over approximately 5hrs only 2 homes we went to claimed they never smelt the odour. We heard many stories of people ringing the complaint line at all hours of the day and night and sending e-mails, people with asthma being afraid to go outdoors, families moving because it was affecting their health etc. Surely council shouldn't keep ignoring its rate payers but they do.

It's time for this centre to be moved out of suburbia completely and into semi country away from a residential area. We ask you to please intervene on our behalf and have the centre at Canning Vale closed down.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Carbone

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